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the Great Pyramids at  
Giza. near Cairo Egypt  
Built 2723 BC → 2563 BC  
one of ancient Wonders of the  
world

2720 B

Gilgamesh, king of Uruk

The most complete version of the Epic of Gilgamesh was found in King Assurbanipal's library in the ruins of NINEVEH. It is inscribed on 12 tablets out of more than 25,000 found there. Other versions have been found in Turkey and Israel.

In the story - Gilgamesh is son of a mortal king of Uruk and a minor goddess. He & his friend ENKIDU set out on adventure in cedar forest. Goddess ISHTAR

falls in love with him. He refuses to have anything to do with her. She sends a fierce bull against him which is slain by Gilgamesh. Enkidu is killed in battle. He sets out to find his ancestor.

UTNAPISHTIM, who has the secret of life. UTNAPISHTIM tells him the story of the FLOOD which he survived by building a boat, and taking on board all the animals he could. The boat grounded on a mountain called NISIR.

(Archaeologists have discovered traces of several disastrous floods in southern (R.A.Q.).